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For the attention of James E.Schardt Esq.,
Assistant General Counsel.

Dear Jim,

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I enclose the Advance Notice of Allowance of this application together with a copy of the text proposed for the issued patent. The term for indicating approval or otherwise of the text will expire on **14th August** next.

I have checked the proposed text against my working copy of the application and find that the pages entirely agree, subject to my comment below. There are no Examiner's amendments at this stage.

A mildly interesting observation is that the Examiner has preferred to retain pages 1 and 2 as originally filed rather than the amended pages 1 and 2 filed with the last response. These latter pages bore manuscript amendments converting the references to cited patents into the form preferred by the EPO, a form which appears in the retyped pages 3 and 4. The EPO was formerly insistent upon the adoption of this standard form but now seems to be prepared to forego this change if it will avoid a large number of trivial alterations.

OK/JS

As mentioned in other cases, this is the last opportunity to consider the desirability of voluntary amendments. Please review the specification carefully and especially the claims.

If there has been no radical re-thinking of the application, I presume you will wish to approve the text as it stands. Accordingly, if I do not hear from you to the contrary by the end of July I will respond in the affirmative.

Should you instruct me at an earlier date to file approval this would advance the date of issue of the patent.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.Bass

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